

***Remarks***

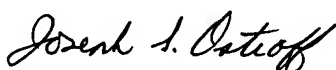
Upon entry of the foregoing amendment, claims 1-10 are pending in the application, with claims 1 and 6 being the independent claims. The claims have been amended to correct the claim numbering from the English language translation of the International Application, filed herewith (there were previously two claims numbered 6), to correct obvious errors in claim dependencies, and to better conform the format of the multiply dependent claims according to U.S. practice. These changes are believed to introduce no new matter, and their entry is respectfully requested.

***Conclusion***

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Preliminary Amendment is respectfully requested. Applicants believe the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Respectfully submitted,

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